

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 2, after the Title, please insert the following new paragraph:

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--This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/672,109, filed September 27, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/156,262, filed September 27, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. This application also is a continuation of PCT/US00/26752, filed September 27, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/156,262, filed September 27, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 5-8 and 14.

Please amend claims 1 and 9 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A composition comprising *Serenoa repens* or an extract thereof and a sympathomimetic agent, wherein the sympathomimetic agent is selected from the group consisting of synephrine and phenylpropanolamine, wherein the composition is suitable for oral administration.

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9. (Amended) A composition comprising *Serenoa repens* or an extract thereof and a sympathomimetic agent, wherein the sympathomimetic agent is (*Citrus aurantium* or other natural source of synephrine), wherein the composition is suitable for oral administration.

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Please add new claims 20-22 as follows:

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20. (New) The composition of claim 9, wherein the *Serenoa repens* or extract thereof has anti-adrenergic activity.